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Dear Sirs:

I'm writing to ask that you put an end to the downed animal trade, and grant THEM SANCTUARY their petition to prohibit slaughter of downed animals - docket # 98P-0151/CP1. Animals that are too sick or injured to stand should not be put into the human food chain. It is almost impossible to move downed animals humanely and they're usually moved with tractors and chains, causing further injuries ranging from abrasions to broken bones. Since downed animals represent a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. According to industry experts, 90% of downed animals can be presented with better care and handling. Removing the market

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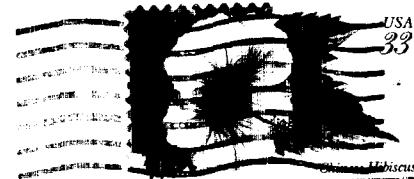
for caged animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent caged animals in the first place.

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